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SUBJECT: UGANDA: CUT-OFF OF PETROLEUM SUPPLIES TO
UGANDA BY FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES

FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PASSED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA FOR TRANSMISSION TO SECSTATE:

QUOTE LOCAL MANAGER OF CALTEX, MR. D. O'SULLIVAN, JUST
INFORMED ME THAT TONIGHT MIDNIGHT (OCTOBER 3) ALL OIL
COMPANIES WOULD CEASE TO SUPPLY UGANDA WITH GASOLINE
AND FUEL. THE COMPANIES ARE: CALTEX, ESSO, MOBIL,
SHELL, BP AND AGIP. THE SIX COMPANIES FOR MONTHS HAVE
TRIED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF OUTSTANDING BILLS,
HOWEVER, WITH NO RESULTS. THEY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE
THAN TO INFORM THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT THAT NO FURTHER
SUPPLIES CAN BE EXPECTED IF OUTSTANDING BILLS WHICH
HAD REACHED ENORMOUS TOTAL ARE NOT PAID OR PLAN FOR
INSTALLMENTS IS OFFERED. SINCE THERE WAS NO REPLY FROM
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GOVERNMENT, ALL SIX COMPANIES INFORMED MINISTER FOR

FINANCE OBOTH-OFUMI THIS AFTERNOON THAT THERE WILL BE
NO FURTHER SUPPLIES LEAVING MOMBASA AFTER MIDNIGHT
TODAY. MR. O'SULLIVAN INFORMED ME THAT DUE TO THE FACT
THAT SOME TRANSPORTS ARE STILL ON THE WAY, THE SUPPLY
OF GASOLINE AND FUEL FOR CARS AND PLANES WOULD LAST
FOR ABOUT SEVEN DAYS. IN CASE UGANDA GOVERNMENT SHOULD
ACCUSE U.S. THAT STOPPAGE OF PETROLEUM DELIVERIT WAS
RETALIATION FOR AMIN'S SPEECH IN NEW YORK, IT SHOULD BE
REPLIED THAT DECISION OF OIL COMPANIES IS TEN DAYS OLD.
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